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OLD MAN VICTIM OF BRUTAL BLOW

Seventy-Year-Old Shopkeeper Attacked by Negro Thief With Cobblestone.

While in an outburst in the rear of his store at 207-1-2 South Ninth Street last night, George W. Hickey, a white man, seventy years old, was assaulted by a negro man, who struck him on the head with a cobblestone and rifled his clothing. Unconscious of harm, the old man lay on the floor in the dark of the early evening, and was followed by the negro man, who sprang upon Hickey with his murderous cobblestone before the white man had an opportunity to make an outcry.

His groans attracted the attention of neighbors and a call was sent for the City Ambulance and for the police. Hickey received a terrible blow on the head, and is very badly wounded. Emergency treatment was rendered by Drs. Pace and Williams, of the City Ambulance, who endeavored to render the old man comfortable. On account of his extreme age, fear of serious consequences are entertained.

ALLEN REWARD PAID

Detectives Get Last of Sum for Round-Up of Fugitive Gang.

Upon order of the Board of Police, the last sum in payment of rewards for the capture of the Allen gang was paid yesterday. A warrant was issued for \$200 to the Baltimore Detective (Jm.).

It seems that when the reward for Walter Edwards was offered it was awarded to him in full. The reward for the capture of the Allen gang was paid yesterday. A warrant was issued for \$200 to the Baltimore Detective (Jm.).

IRON GIRDER FALLS

Immense Beam Tumbles at New Chamber of Commerce Building—No One Hurt.

An immense iron girder, weighing from one to two tons, fell from the roof of the new Chamber of Commerce building, at the corner of Ninth and Main streets, yesterday afternoon, causing considerable damage to the building and to the street. The girder was being lowered into place by a crane, and it was reported that it was about to fall when it did.

MUCH SCALE FOUND

Frank Rogers, Sending Infected Samples to State Department.

The State Department of Health has received from Frank Rogers, of the Department of Agriculture, a large quantity of infected samples, which are being sent to the State Department for examination. The samples are of various kinds, including meat, fish, and other foodstuffs.

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LEADING LAWYER IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Joseph C. Wysor, Who Prosecuted Allens, Brought Here for Treatment.

Joseph Cloyd Wysor, leading counsel for the Commonwealth in all the many trials of the Allen murderers, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1902 and a leading citizen of Southwest Virginia, was brought to Richmond early yesterday morning for treatment. He is at Johnston-Willis Hospital, where his condition is regarded as serious.

The illness of Mr. Wysor, which is the recurrence of an old complaint, is regarded as the direct result of his labors in connection with the Allen trials. No longer young, he persisted in going through with all the ten cases, and in devoting his energies to the prosecution. Mr. Wysor deemed it to be his duty to his State to do his part to see that the perpetrators of what he regarded as Virginia's most heinous crime were punished according to law. His personal friendship for the martyred Judge Massie help keep him to the task.

DAUGHTER OF LEE VISITS CAPITOL

First Call in Twenty Years. Tribute Paid Her by Veteran Guide.

For the first time in twenty years, Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of General Robert E. Lee, the chieftain of the Confederacy, visited the Capitol of Virginia yesterday. Guide R. W. Andrews, who showed Miss Lee about the building, went enthusiastically at the thought of the honor of this accompanying the daughter of his old leader.

She was much impressed with the changes made when the Capitol was practically rebuilt seven years ago, and recalled the difference between present conditions and those existing when it was the seat of the government. She was the first of the government's daughters to visit the Capitol since the war.

Miss Lee told Mr. Andrews that it was rather disappointing to her to find that on the first day of her first visit to Richmond after two years she found her pocket should have been searched. "Madam" replied the old soldier, "because that it was you, that you were a criminal in the State. Prisoners who would have done such a thing."

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CAR PLOWS WAY THROUGH STORE

Two Persons Standing in Front Part of Williams's Pharmacy Injured.

WET RAILS CAUSE ACCIDENT

Clay Street Car, Jumping Track at Twenty-First and Marshall, Wrecks Store.

T. B. Williams, proprietor of Williams's Pharmacy, corner of Twenty-first and Marshall streets, and W. E. Bell, of 509 Mosby street, who were standing at the soda fountain, were knocked down and painfully injured last night about 7:40 o'clock when a runaway Clay Street car bumped across the sidewalk and crashed through the front of the drug store. Although the car battered its way half its length into the store front, Motorman E. V. Swallow escaped from the crashed hood of the car with a few bruises, while a lone woman passenger and Conductor R. E. Herring were merely shaken up.

No estimate of the damage done had been made last night, although it is expected to run into hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars. The entire glass and wood front of the drug store was crumpled in like paper, and the heavy car, plowing along, wrecked havoc with the soda fountain, show-cases and fixtures in the forward part of the shop. The damage to the car was slight, the front hood being crushed and the window glasses smashed.

Only Two in Store.

There happened to be only two persons in the store at the time of the accident, or the injury list would have been greatly swollen. Bell was standing at the fountain, near the front of the store, drinking, while Mr. Williams had taken up a station behind the soda fountain. Bell was cut about the leg by flying glass, and three stitches were taken in the wound. The proprietor was struck on the head, presumably by parts of the tumbling fountain, knocked down and cut and bruised in several places.

How the motorman escaped serious injury is a source of marvel to all who have seen the wrecked building. As a most unusual thing at that hour of the day, the westbound Clay Street car No. 222 contained but the one passenger. Neither the crew nor the passenger made any effort to leap from the runaway car, while Bell and Williams did not have warning of the impending catastrophe until too late to escape from the danger zone.

Caused by Wet Track.

The accident is blamed entirely on the wet, slippery car tracks, which offered scarcely any resistance to the wheels when brakes were applied. The Clay Street car, westbound, was coming down Jefferson Avenue just at Twenty-first Street, where there is a curve and a crossing of the Richmond and Henric Railway tracks. Although Motorman Swallow is said not to have been running fast and to have applied his brakes while many yards from the corner, the car continued to coast down grade under its own momentum, and upon reaching the curve, it slipped and left the rails at a tangent and made for the corner drug store.

Earlier in the day a westbound Oakwood and Main Street car left the track at Venable and Mosby streets, and crossing left the rails at a tangent and made for the corner drug store. The car was running fast and to have applied his brakes while many yards from the corner, the car continued to coast down grade under its own momentum, and upon reaching the curve, it slipped and left the rails at a tangent and made for the corner drug store.

Car Runs Wild

One Passenger Injured When Street Car Leaves Tracks on Venable Street.

One passenger was injured and a score more shaken up, early yesterday morning when street car No. 10, of the Oakwood and Broad line, westbound, left the tracks at the corner of Eighteenth and Venable streets and crossing left the rails at a tangent and made for the corner drug store. The car was running fast and to have applied his brakes while many yards from the corner, the car continued to coast down grade under its own momentum, and upon reaching the curve, it slipped and left the rails at a tangent and made for the corner drug store.

THREE FOURTHS COLLECTED

County Taxes in Henrico Have Been Well Paid Up.

Out of an approximate total of \$230,000 in taxes assessed for 1912, a total of \$170,000 has been collected by H. C. Hecker, treasurer, and T. J. Todd, deputy treasurer, of Henrico County. It is probable that a larger percentage of taxes have been collected up to the present time in Henrico than in any other county in the State.

Only one-fourth, or 25 per cent, of the total taxes are now outstanding. The additional cost of collecting the amounts yet unpaid, however, will be far larger proportionally than was the cost of getting the \$170,000 already received.

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BRYAN LECTURES IN CITY TO-NIGHT

Several Entertainments Planned. Big Audience Will Hear Him.

Owing to the fact that it was not known until very recently that Mr. Bryan would be here throughout the day, it has been impracticable to tender him a public reception while in this city. It is, however, understood that he will be at the Business Men's Club between 1 and 2 o'clock to-day, when he will informally meet some of his many friends.

William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, three times Democratic nominee for the office of President of the United States, will lecture at the City Auditorium to-night on "The Signs of the Times." A large audience is already assured.

Coming over the Southern Railway, Mr. Bryan will arrive in the city at 8:40 o'clock this morning. He will go at once to the home of John Garland Pollard, in Ginter Park, for breakfast. Several informal entertainments are being planned in honor of his visit, but details were not ready last night.

The lecture will begin at 8:15 o'clock to-night. Mr. Bryan will be introduced by Mr. Pollard. His address will be semi-political in its nature, and he will discuss his interpretation of modern, national and international problems.

Invitations extended to the Governor of Virginia and heads of departments to the Capitol, to the Mayor of Richmond and heads of city departments, with members of the General Assembly, to occupy seats on the stage, have been accepted.

CHECK FLASHER CAUGHT IN TOILS

W. H. Converse Arrested for Drawing Bad Check on Richmond Bank.

The police believe they have rounded up a systematic check flasher in the person of W. H. Converse, a butcher, who gives New York as his home, who was arrested yesterday on two warrants charging him with obtaining money under false and fraudulent pretenses. He was locked up in the First Police Station, and will have a preliminary hearing this morning in Police Court.

His case was first brought to the attention of the department by William D. Kirschmann, manager of the Broad Street branch of the L. H. Brown Baking Company, who reported that he had secured a check on him for \$25 had proven to be a forgery. The check, which was drawn on the First National Bank, had been refused when presented for payment.

Passed Two Checks.

Converse was originally arrested on the charge of obtaining money by fraud, having drawn and passed a check on a bank in which he has no account. Later, however, it was discovered that the name of a Richmond man had been forced on the back of the check as indorsement, the indorsement having led Mr. Kirschmann to cash the check. The police intend to press the forgery charge.

A second warrant has been issued for Converse on the charge of fraudulently obtaining money. The method used in the Sweeney case were similar to those employed in obtaining the \$25.

HOSPITALS REPORT

Per Capita Cost of Caring for Insane and Epileptic Reduced.

The annual report of J. M. Bauserman, Commissioner of State Hospitals, was received yesterday by Governor Mann. It is composed of reports on each of the five institutions under the General Hospital Board as made by its committees. It is shown that the per capita cost at the Western State Hospital at Staunton for maintenance and treatment of patients is \$117.72; at the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg, \$129.34; at the Central, for colored people, at Petersburg, \$100; at the Epileptic Colony near Lynchburg, \$121.11. The figures for the Southern State Hospital at Marion are not given.

All institutions show marked reduction in per capita cost, especially the Epileptic colony, where the expense is great because of the comparatively small number of patients.

JURY FAILS TO AGREE

No Verdict in Case Against Henderson for Malicious Wounding.

After lengthy deliberation the jury of the Hustings Court, which heard evidence in the case of Joseph Henderson, colored, charged with malicious wounding James Conner, reported that the jury were unable to agree upon a verdict. The case will be brought up again for trial at the next term of the court. L. O. Wendenburg appeared for the defense.

Belated Expense Account.

Congressman Edward W. Saunders, of the Fifth District, yesterday filed his expense account with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. He is far behind the time specified by law, but this provision has never been enforced. His commission will now be issued to him. Judge Saunders spent \$68.27.

New Store for Suburb.

Barton Heikens is the proud possessor of a new store building just erected by W. L. Hagland for H. & L. Heil at the corner of Wickham Street and North Avenue. It is thirty-five by eighty-five feet in dimensions, and is up-to-date in every respect. It is the first building of its kind which the northside suburb has had.

Honor Major Stringfellow.

Resolutions on the death of Major Charles S. Stringfellow, adopted by the bar of the city, were presented yesterday in the Hustings Court by Henry R. Miller and ordered to be entered on the court record.

NOSTALGEM YET FROM EGGLESTON

Will Confer With Governor Before Making a Public Announcement.

BELIEVED HE WILL ACCEPT

May Resign by End of Year. New Work Presents Big Opportunities.

Beyond saying that he might have a statement after consultation with Governor Mann, J. D. Eggleston, who returned to Richmond last night, had nothing to add to what he has already said in The Times-Dispatch regarding the position of national importance offered him with the United States Bureau of Education.

His friends, however, believe that he will certainly accept, and, furthermore, that he will leave the State to take up his new duties within a few days. The position in Washington is ready and waiting for him, but it will necessarily take some time to finish his duties here.

It is understood to be unnecessary to issue a hurry call for a meeting of the State Board of Education to elect his successor for the unexpired term, but it is not improbable that a meeting will be held for this purpose within ten days or two weeks.

Wide Scope of New Work.

Mr. Eggleston does not fail to recognize the importance of the work tendered him. Its scope is national, and is regarded as presenting perhaps the largest opportunity for usefulness in the educational work of the country. All States are attempting to adapt the schools to the community life, and it is being done largely by voluntary societies, in many different ways and under widely differing auspices. The national Bureau of Education has no jurisdiction over a State's proceedings, but it is in position to collect and disseminate information as to how things are done, and to cull the best effort for use in communities where it may be adaptable.

The salary of the position will be \$4,500 the year, against \$3,500 in his present position as Superintendent of Public Instruction of this State. It is stated that Haddon W. Platt, former superintendent of the normal school at Kirksville, Mo., and A. C. Muernmann, former superintendent of schools at Cebu, Philippine Islands, will be Mr. Eggleston's assistants, while many collaborators will be also employed by the department. Mr. Eggleston is at the head.

This position comes to him without the expense and annoyance of a political campaign, which would likely be his lot in Virginia, and he would escape the personal and local attacks which have been his portion.

Has Long Experience.

He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, and has been in educational work a quarter of a century. He has a wide experience with rural education, gained in the position he now holds, and as secretary for ten years of the bureau of information and publicity of the Southern Education Board. He is a member of the Conference on Education in the South, which gives most of its attention to rural schools. After his graduation Mr. Eggleston taught in the public schools of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. He was superintendent of schools at Asheville, N. C., from 1891 to 1900, and was later superintendent in Prince Edward County, Va. He has been State Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1906.

As already stated, if he retires, Resolute Stearnes, now secretary of the State Board of Education, will be chosen to fill the unexpired term.

AUTO STOLEN FOR RIDE RECOVERED

Joy Rider Who Took R. S. Gray's Car Nabbed in Petersburg.

A party of three unscrupulous joy-riders, who stole the automobile of Robert S. Gray, of Highland Park, near Henric, came to grief in Petersburg late last night, after the police machinery had been set in motion and a wide dragnet spread. A few hours after Mr. Gray reported the loss of his machine, a Richmond man by the name of Echo was arrested by Chief Bagland's men in Petersburg as the thief, and the stolen automobile found near at hand.

Mr. Gray drove his five-seated Ford automobile into the city last night to get services at the Second Presbyterian Church, leaving the car near Fifth and Main streets, but taking the spark plug with him as a precaution. When he came out of the church the machine had disappeared, and no trace was to be seen. The police were notified and Petersburg put on the alarm.

A short while later the police picked up the trail of the missing automobile in South Richmond, and Chief Bagland was notified. The Petersburg police finally found the car standing outside a building into which the thieves had gone. In attempting to make the arrest, two of the three joy-riders rushed out of the building, leaped into the machine, and started at high speed toward Richmond, while the third, who was left behind, was taken into the hands of the police. Instead of returning here, the two fugitives doubled back on their tracks, and re-entering Petersburg from the other side, left the automobile where it was later found by the police.

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COLORED WOMAN WOULD PRACTICE

Appear for First Time Before Medical Examining Board in Virginia.

For the first time in the history of Virginia, colored women are entering the realm of medical practice. Two of them are now taking the semi-annual examination before the State Board of Medical Examiners, at the University College of Medicine. Of course, it will not be known for several weeks whether they will succeed or fail.

One white woman is taking the examination. This is not new, several other such instances have been noted in previous years. Besides some women have been admitted on reciprocity from other States.

As usual, there are several colored men applying for licenses. The first day's examination, held yesterday, was without incident. The schedule for to-day is as follows: 9 to 12 o'clock, pathology and bacteriology; 12 to 3 o'clock, anatomy and histology; 4 to 7 o'clock, surgery and gynecology.

PURSE SNATCHED BY NEGRO THIEF

Mrs. C. H. Ryland Robbed by Snatch-Thief on West Grace Street.

While walking home from church last night in company with two other women, Mrs. Charles H. Ryland, of 839 West Grace Street, wife of the Rev. C. H. Ryland, secretary and treasurer of Richmond College, had her black silk handbag snatched from her hand by a negro in front of 516 West Grace Street. The bag, which was valued at \$12.50, contained only a handkerchief and a wardrobe key.

Mrs. Ryland and her companions were walking quietly along, almost in sight of the Ryland home, when a negro man stole stealthily up behind them and snatched the dangling bag from Mrs. Ryland's arm. The women, too terrified for outcry, saw the flying figure of the thief disappear in an alleyway between 516 and 518 West Grace Street. The matter was immediately reported to the Second Police Station, and Bicycle Officer "Chick" Gerring was detailed to take up the chase.

The officers found the trail of the thief easily, the negro in his haste having plowed his way through a wooden gate and a three-foot barbed wire fence that inclosed the back yard of the house at 516 West Grace Street. A thorough search of the alley revealed no clue to the negro's flight, and the pursuit had to be abandoned. In the heavy darkness of the street the women were unable to catch a clear glimpse of the thief, and could only say that he was a negro.

Mrs. Ryland, who is about seventy years of age, was suffering severely last night from the shock of her experience. A special force has been detailed to handle the growing complaints of purse snatching, and Major Werner will make every effort to break up the epidemic.

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